



FLWEMS Paramedics Neonatal & Pediatric Protocol for the Management of:

RESPIRATORY DISTRESS

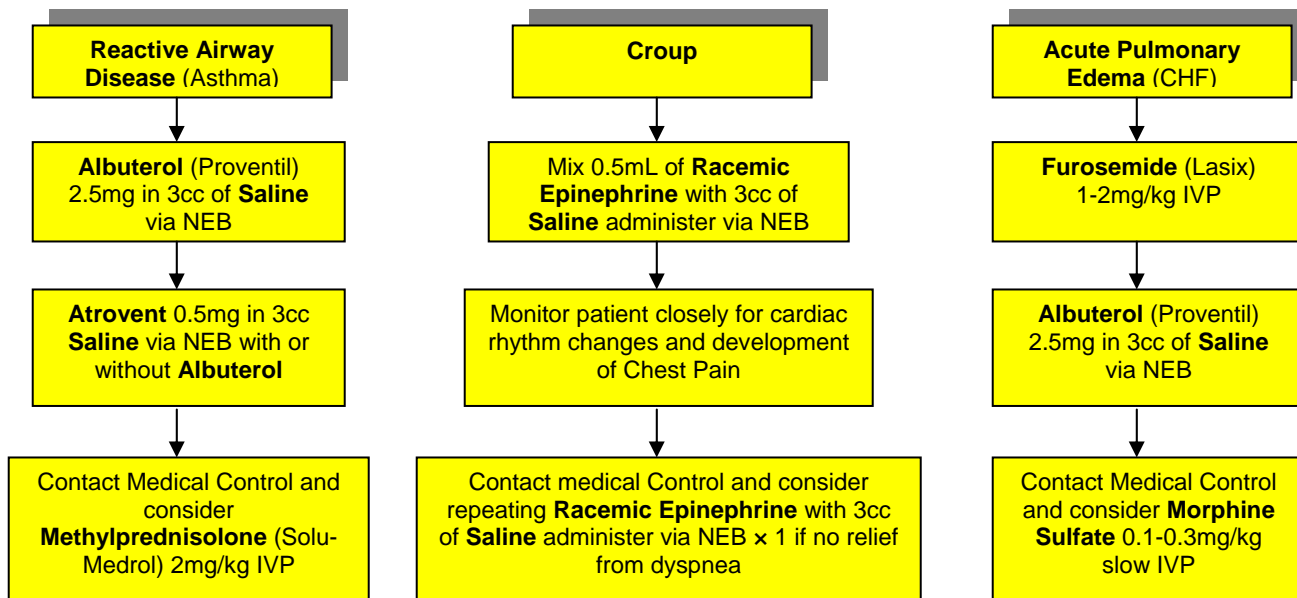
(Difficulty Breathing, Breathing Problems)

Indications

To outline the paramedic care and management of the neonatal/pediatric patient with acute respiratory distress, difficulty breathing or breathing problems of any origin.

Procedure

1. Secure an airway as outlined in FLWEMS Paramedics Neonatal & Pediatric Protocol for the Management of Airway & Ventilation and administer supplemental **Oxygen** as needed. Intubate neurologically depressed patient to prevent aspiration.
2. Apply cardiac monitor, pulse oximetry and/or capnometry as needed.
3. Utilize the "Broslow Tape" system for procedure and medication administration guidelines.
4. Assess origin of respiratory/breathing problem and treat IAW guidance below.



5. Establish IV or IO access.
6. IV Bolus **0.9% NaCL** at a rate of 20mL/kg.
7. Transport to appropriate Emergency Department.
8. Contact medical control for further orders as needed.

CAIRA/Chemical Surety Considerations

None

Triage Considerations

Refer to S.T.A.R.T. Triage Protocol

END OF SOP – NOTHING FOLLOWS